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(b) and (d).

11. (SBU) Ambassador discussed reftel points with acting Austrian Foreign Minister Johannes Kyrle on May 31. EconPolCouns also highlighted reftel message with MFA Middle East assistant secretary equivalent Ralph Scheide.

12. (C) Kyrle welcomed the Secretary's statement, noting its "historic nature." The Ambassador stressed the need for public and private support for the initiative, and Kyrle undertook to provide it. Scheide readily agreed that Austria could use its relatively strong contacts with Iran to urge Iran to choose the right path.
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